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## PARDON ASKED FOR NELSON

Governor Hears Friend of Man Concerned in Lausten Murder.

## SLABAUGH ADVISES CLEMENCY

Former County Attorney Says Conviction of Other Three Men Was Due Largely to Testimony of Nelson.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., June 14.—(Special.)—A plea was made for a pardon for Raymond Nelson, now serving a life term in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder of Nels Lausten, an Omaha saloon keeper, in 1906. Former County Attorney Slabaugh and John M. Macfarland appeared in Nelson's interest before the governor this afternoon. They were accompanied by the father of Nelson, who asked the pardon of his son on behalf of his mother, whom he told the governor was in a dying condition. Judge Slabaugh prosecuted Nelson and those who were indicted with him for the murder.

He told the governor that Nelson had stood by him, and without Nelson it would have been impossible to have convicted Jay O'Brien, Warren and Angus. For that reason he believed executive clemency should be granted the convicted man. "Public sentiment was very hot at the time of the trial," said Judge Slabaugh, "and it was because of that Nelson was sentenced. He stood by the state through those trials, without the promise of immunity, and for that reason he should receive executive clemency," said the judge.

Judge Slabaugh argued that it would be extremely "difficult" to secure convictions in the future, unless those who turned state's evidence should receive some reward for their acts. If all the members of a combination organized to commit crime knew that none of them could receive immunity by telling the truth, then no one would turn state's evidence, and thus prosecutors would be unable to break up such combinations.

Deputy Attorney Grant Martin said he had recommended that Nelson should, under the circumstances, receive at least a commutation of his sentence to a stated term of years. "The governor took the case under advisement."

## Premiums of Bonding Companies.

The board created by the late legislature to investigate the premiums charged by surety companies for bonding public officials and fix a rate to be charged by these companies, met with representatives of the Underwriters' exchange in the office of the governor this afternoon. The question of rates was gone over informally and the board will tomorrow promulgate some rates.

It is probable that the board will adopt the same rates that are now in effect, adding thereto new business upon which the companies have made no rates in Nebraska. It is also possible that the premiums paid for bonds for state officers will be somewhat reduced. But the rates to be fixed now will be tentative only. John M. Gilchrist is going east shortly and he will check up the companies at their headquarters and make a report back to the board, which will give the members more tangible evidence than they now have upon which to work.

It was brought out at the meeting that the surety companies do not have a uniform rate for every state, but that the risk is taken into consideration in each state. This led Auditor Barton to suggest that conditions should have brought about a reduction of rates in Nebraska rather than an increase but the surety agents could not see it that way. The following representatives of the Underwriters' exchange were here: Harry S. Byrne, E. L. Culver, H. O. Beatty, H. L. Mallo and J. R. Wells.

**Bankers Meet Wednesday.** Both the president and the secretary of the Nebraska Bankers' association will be in Lincoln for the meeting of group No. 1

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on Wednesday. Each will take part in the program. An attendance of 125 to 150 is looked for. Following is the program for the day session, at Fraternity hall, beginning at 10 a. m.

## MORNING.

Invocation—Rev. H. H. Harmon. Address of Welcome—Mayor Don L. Love. Response—John T. Marshall, Panama. President's Address—J. R. Cain, Jr., St. Louis. Report of Secretary-treasurer—R. C. Boyd, Auburn.

## AFTERNOON.

Address—The State Work, W. B. Hughes, Omaha, secretary Nebraska Bankers' association. "Bills of Lading," E. W. Brown, Lincoln. "Our Investments," C. B. Anderson, Crete.

Address—Twenty-nine Years as a Country Banker, George W. Holland, Falls City. Paper—"The History of Bank Legislation," W. G. Langworthy Taylor, University of Nebraska. Question Box—"What's on Your Mind?" conducted by P. L. Hall, Lincoln.

Reports of committees. Election of officers. Professor Taylor will not be present to read his paper, and it will be presented by someone else.

The meeting will conclude with a banquet at the Lindell hotel in the evening at 6:30. F. M. Hall of Lincoln will act as toastmaster. Governor Shallenberger is set down to discuss "Prospects," while Daniel J. Riley of Dawson will speak on "Progress" and Prof. G. E. Condra of the University of Nebraska is to speak on "The Conservation of Nebraska's Natural Resources," using lantern views for illustrations. One or two other features may be added.

## Game Warden Goes to Auburn.

Deputy Game Warden Dan Gellus will go to Auburn tomorrow to hear the mayor of that city in his own den. He will go with a chip on his shoulder and he, so he said at the state house, will arrest the mayor, providing the mayor will shoot a squirrel while he is in the city.

The game warden and the mayor are at odds because the mayor has ordered all the squirrels in Auburn killed, some of them having gone mad and bitten several children, two of whom are at the Pasteur Institute at Chicago taking treatment. The game warden was appealed to and instructed the county attorney to invoke the state law against killing squirrels out of season. In reply to that action the mayor sent word to the game warden that he intended to have every squirrel in Auburn killed, state law or no state law. So Mr. Gellus has headed for the front.

The Nebraska National guard has not yet been appealed to, but around the state house everyone will be on his tip toes until messengers arrive from Auburn telling of the meeting of the two officers.

## Frank Fox Wants Pardon.

Frank Fox is anxious to get out of the state penitentiary and he has presented reasons to Governor Shallenberger why he should receive executive clemency. Fox said in his long letter to the governor that when in Lincoln he cashed a check for a stranger for \$3 and that when he attempted to cash the same check he was arrested and sentenced to serve three years for forgery. Upon serving out his time he again cashed a \$15 check for a man for whom he was working in Wyoming. He then sent this check to a bank and was arrested again for forgery. In both instances he pleaded guilty upon the advice of his attorney who promised him that he would get off with a year's sentence, while if he stood trial and taxed up costs to the county he would likely get seven to ten years. He has yet seventeen months to serve of his last sentence.

## Movement of Cars.

The following statement shows the car situation in Nebraska for the twenty-four hour period, ending 4 o'clock p. m. June 9, 1909, compared with same period of previous year:

	1908.	1909.
Cars stock loaded	312	427
Empty stock cars on hand	2,256	2,421
Stock cars ordered for loading	594	673
Cars grain loaded	178	262
Cars other material loaded	1,925	1,129
Empty box cars on hand	4,438	3,277
Box cars ordered for loading	983	1,020

## Suit Against Missouri Pacific.

The railway commission will tomorrow instruct the legal department of state to begin proceedings against the Missouri Pa-

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cific for closing its depot at Glenrock without permission from the commission. Some time ago the commission made a ruling that no railroad could close a station without making application to the commission. This the Missouri Pacific failed to do.

Edgar Howard has written the commission that the Union Pacific is keeping its "promise to me" in the matter of the construction of the new depot at Columbus and he expressed great pleasure at being able to record the fact.

**Requisition for Patterson.** Governor Shallenberger today issued an extradition warrant to convey Clarence Patterson (colored) from Omaha to Kansas City, Kan. Patterson is accused of grabbing a tray of diamonds in a jewelry store of Kansas City and escaping.

## PICKPOCKETS PLEAD GUILTY

**Men Arrested at Kearney Thursday Given Three Years Each.**

KEARNEY, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—John Seymour and Joseph Smith, who were arrested here last Thursday picking pockets pleaded guilty today and were sentenced to three years each in the penitentiary by Judge Hostetter. John Sutton was given two years for horse stealing.

## North Platte Rising.

BRIDGEPORT, Neb., June 14.—The North Platte river is the highest ever known running over its banks, flooding low land and causing much damage. Bridges have been carried out and the headgate of one irrigation canal washed away. Several other headgates have been damaged. Constant watch is being made of the bridges at Guernsey and Bridgeport, which are threatened.

## Nebraska News Notes.

SUTHERLAND—The village council has made the following appointments: For clerk, Frank Coster; treasurer, C. M. Reynolds; marshal, E. A. Wohlford; street commissioner, Charles Cocker.

BEATRICE—William Black, charged with bootlegging, was arraigned Monday morning in Justice Ellis' court. He pleaded not guilty and his case was set for hearing Friday. In default of \$1,000 bond he was remanded to jail.

SUTHERLAND—Recent measurements by the Union Pacific developed the fact that the right-of-way reaches to near the middle of Front street in the business portion of town, and takes in some of the sidewalks along the residence portion in the east end.

BEATRICE—Upon complaint of Henry Frerichs, George Fleener, a young farmer living near Beatrice, was arrested Monday for alleged statutory offense against Katie Frerichs, 15-year-old daughter of the complainant. The case was set for hearing June 20 and the defendant was released on \$1,000 bond.

SUTHERLAND—The board of education has selected four of the five instructors necessary for the local schools for the coming year. They are: A. H. Earhart, Kearney, principal; Miss Grace Fox, Cedar Rapids, assistant principal; Miss Grimshaw, Kearney, intermediate; Nell L. Lute, Paxton, primary.

ELISE—The recent rains in this locality, amounting to over seven inches, has made the farmers jubilant over crop prospects. Small grain is looking fine and the corn is doing nicely, though needing cultivation. Bright prospects are also noticed in the increased land valuation, land changing hands frequently.

## MINISTER KILLED IN AUTO

Car Collides with Two Street Cars at Webb City, Missouri.

WEBB CITY, Mo., June 14.—Rev. Dr. James H. Spear, pastor of the First Union Presbyterian church of New York City, was fatally hurt here today in a collision of two street cars with an automobile, in which he was riding. He came to Webb City to fill a local pulpit yesterday.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Rev. Dr. James H. Spear was until recently pastor of the First Union Presbyterian church at Lexington avenue and Eighty-sixth street, this city. Last month he gave up his charge here and went west on account of the illness of his wife, forwarding his address to the stated clerk of the New York Presbyterian association at 106 East Poplar street, Olathe, Kan.

## Rain Quenches Forest Fire.

HOULTON, Me., June 14.—After many days of anxiety copious rains fell during the night in the fire scorched district of northern Aroostook county, checking the forest fires, which for days have raged.

## MRS. KAUFMANN ON STAND

Defendant in Polreis Murder Case Testifies in Her Own Behalf.

## DENIES INJURING THE GIRL

Family Physician Who Treated Miss Polreis Day She Died Says Death Was Due to Diabetes.

FLANDREAU, S. D., June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Moses Kaufmann took the stand in her own behalf today in her trial for murdering Agnes Polreis, her servant, but did not occupy it to exceed five minutes. She stated she never knew of the injuries on the girl's head until the preliminary hearing in Sioux Falls, that she never struck her with any kind of an instrument, never poured hot water on her and never poked her in the sides. Because of the narrow scope of the examination and limits placed thereby on cross-examination the state did not cross-examine at all. Mrs. Kaufmann showed perfect composure and spoke in a low but emphatic voice.

Dr. W. A. Germain, Kaufmann family physician, who was called to treat the girl on the day of her death and had her sent to the hospital, declared she died of diabetes and that the injuries could not have been caused by an instrument of any kind because of their symmetry, their location on the shoulders and elbows and because no marks were made on exposed bones. Cross-examination showed he did not make any examination of the girl other than to take pulse and temperature, and did not ascertain the history of her case.

Because of the fine law point not raised in the first trial the state was not allowed, as in the first trial, to show what Germain wrote in the death certificate or what he said at the time of the girl's death of carbolic acid burns or female trouble as the cause. Dr. F. A. Spafford of Flandreau, answering hypothetical questions, gave disease as the reason for death.

## BRIDGE STRANDED ON PRAIRIE

Force of Water Carries Structure Over a Mile from Creek It Spanned.

PIERRE, S. D., June 14.—(Special.)—Railroad men, telling of the force of the water along Box Elder creek, in the recent flood which did so much railroad damage in the western part of the state, say that one of their truss bridges, seventy-five feet in length, which was used at one of the crossings on that creek, was carried over a mile and left stranded on the prairie some distance from the creek. This is the most serious break in the line and will cause the greatest delay, the rest of the break in the line being pretty well closed up by tomorrow.

## TEXAS CATTLE ON RANGE

Sixteen Thousand Head Dipped and Branded at Le Beau for Pasture.

PIERRE, S. D., June 14.—(Special.)—Last week 16,000 head of young cattle were unloaded at Le Beau and taken to the pastures on Cheyenne river Indian reservation. Most of the shipments were of Texas cattle, which are being brought to the northern ranges to finish for the market, and they were branded and dipped at Le Beau before being crossed to the west side of the river. For the spring, over 25,000 head of cattle have been unloaded and crossed at Le Beau.

## BREAKS FROM RESCUERS AND RUSHES BACK INTO FLAMES

Woman Will Probably Die and Fifty Others Have Narrow Escapes at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., June 14.—In a fire in a two-story tenement house early today police and firemen rushed to the third floor and made a dozen heroic rescues of panic-stricken men and women and prevented a number of persons from jumping from windows. A blazing stairway cut off all retreat of a dozen families. Mary Ries, 50 years old, while being assisted, broke away, panic-stricken, and ran back into the flames. She will probably die from her burns. The financial loss was small.

This is the thirtieth fire that has been started in cellars in this vicinity by some incendiary and the police are looking for the pyromaniac.

## The Weather.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Forecast of weather for Tuesday and Wednesday: For Nebraska—Fair.

For Iowa and Missouri—Fair and somewhat warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, fair. For South Dakota—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, fair.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Showers Tuesday and Wednesday.

For Kansas—Fair in east, showers in west portion Tuesday; Wednesday, fair.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Deg. 5 a. m. 53 6 a. m. 58 7 a. m. 59 8 a. m. 62 9 a. m. 63 10 a. m. 63 11 a. m. 63 12 m. 63 1 p. m. 65 2 p. m. 66 3 p. m. 66 4 p. m. 66 5 p. m. 66 6 p. m. 66 7 p. m. 66 8 p. m. 66 9 p. m. 66 10 p. m. 66

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, June 14.—Official record of temperature and precipitation during the corresponding day of the last three years: 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906.

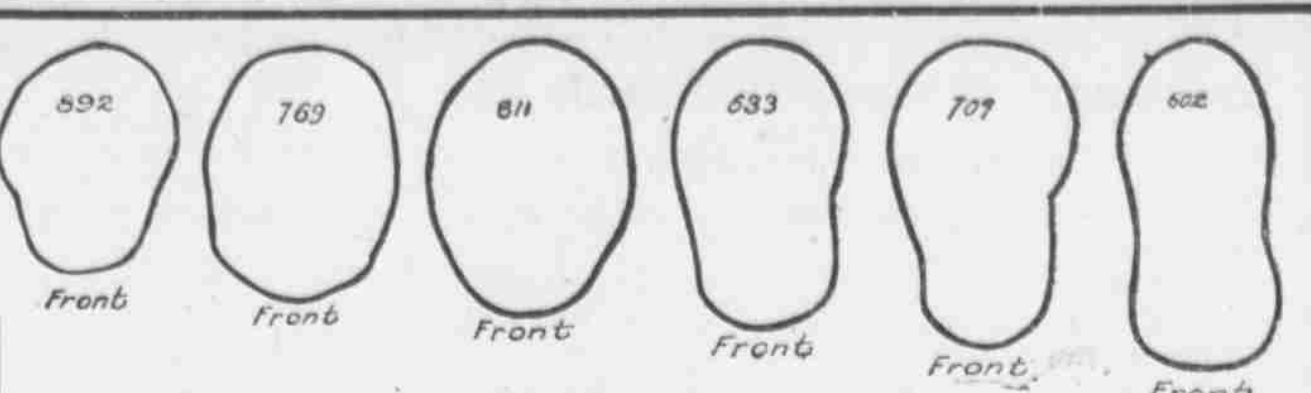
Maximum temperature... 70 61 52 79 Minimum temperature... 59 54 61 58 Mean temperature... 64 58 76 65 Precipitation... .00 .00 .00 .00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and compared with the last two years: Normal temperature... 71 Deficiency for the day... .7 Deficiency since March 1... .246 Normal precipitation... .17 inch Deficiency for the day... .17 inch Total rainfall since March 1... .96 inches Deficiency since March 1... .15 inches Excess for corresponding period, 1908... .21 inches Deficiency for corresponding period, 1907... .16 inches

Reports from Stations at P. M. Station and State Tem. Max. Rain. of Weather. 7 p. m. Tem. fall.

Blanchard, clear... 72 .00 Cheyenne, cloudy... 58 .00 Chicago, cloudy... 50 .00 Dayton, clear... 60 .00 Denver, cloudy... 62 .00 El Paso, clear... 60 .00 Helena, cloudy... 60 .00 Huron, clear... 66 .00 Kansas City, pt. cloudy... 72 .00 North Platte, clear... 66 .00 Omaha, clear... 70 .00 Rapid City, pt. cloudy... 58 .00 St. Louis, pt. cloudy... 72 .00 St. Paul, clear... 64 .00 Salt Lake City, cloudy... 74 .00 Valentine, clear... 70 .00 Williston, clear... 74 .00

T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.



## The Shape of Some Heads

This cut, which shows how irregular some heads are, is made from impressions recorded by our French conformator and selected from among a great many to which we have shaped sailor hats lately. More men would wear sailors if more hatters could shape them to the head. But the hatter usually reverses things—tries to fit an irregular shaped head to their regular shaped hats—and the man either gets an intensely uncomfortable hat or doesn't get any.

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	1908	1909
Cash Capital	250,000.00	\$300,000.00*
Reserve for Unexpected Risks	441,152.97	573,466.20
Reserve for 1909 Taxes (not due)	.....	7,100.00
Reserve for all Other Liabilities	44,063.57	32,020.37
Net Surplus	101,041.78	115,083.12*

TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS..... 836,838.32 \$1,207,549.69

## SUMMARY OF ADMITTED ASSETS

First Mortgage and Collateral Loans	\$650,620.42
Municipal and Railroad Bonds	134,200.00
Interest Accrued (none past due)	10,493.23
Bills Receivable, taken for fire risks (not due)	20,416.51
Cash in Banks and Office	\$ 92,518.03
Premiums in Course of Collection	119,345.50
	211,863.53

TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS..... 1,027,549.69

Surplus to Policy Holders..... \$415,083.12\*

## Certificate of Publication

STATE OF NEBRASKA, Office of Auditor of Public Accounts.

Lincoln, Feb. 1, 1909.

It is hereby certified that the Insurance Company of the State of Illinois of Rockford, in the State of Illinois, has complied with the insurance law of this state, applicable to such companies and is therefore authorized to continue the business of fire insurance in the state for the year ending January 31st, 1910. Witness my hand and the seal of the Auditor of Public Accounts, the day and year first above written.

SILAS R. BARTON, Auditor of Public Accounts

## Woman's Work

Activities of the Organized Bodies Along the Lines of Undertaking of Concern to Women.

Over 100 new members were added to the Young Women's Christian association by the "get one" banquet given Monday evening. This makes the association's membership, to date, 2,215. As exhortations are occurring all of the time statements of the membership are likely to be misleading. The association is making a steady gain and bids fair to realize its aim, 3,000 members. The banquet was the first given in the new building and was held in the cafeteria and the cafe covers being laid for over 300. A program was given during the evening and a social hour followed.

At a meeting of the directors of the Omaha Woman's club Monday it was decided to give an open air performance, probably Twelfth Night, at Hanscom Park some time the latter part of this month, for the benefit of the public play ground.

Miss Lillian Finch, leader of the club's oratory department, will direct the performance which will be given by pupils of her dramatic school. This year the open space at the west side of the park just north of the rose arbor, will be used instead of the natural amphitheater at the south side. The club has presented an outdoor performance for the past three years for the benefit of the play grounds and last year about \$175 was netted for the fund.

Mrs. Henry Parsons, who is directing the school farms of New York City, is making an experiment in farming with a class of deficient children. To each of

fourteen boys has been given a farm four by eight feet.

"Few of these children can either read or write," explained Mrs. Parsons. "Almost none of them can do the simplest sums in arithmetic. It looked rather hopeless when Miss Crampton, my assistant, and I began the task."

"When it came to planting I explained that the beans were to be planted a span apart, the onions two spans and so on. I showed them that one span was just the width of the rake. Like a flash one of the boys replied that they would not need to use their hands in measuring, as the onions would have to be planted two rakes apart. This the other boys understood and acted accordingly."

"When the vegetables began to grow, to enable the boys to cultivate them most effectively I got wooden meat skewers which I had them grasp as though about to write. With the point they stured the soil about the plants and in doing so many of them made the motion as though about to write."

"It was very simple and after a little all of them were using the skewers as if they were pens, and each farm was thoroughly tilled. Their school teacher is following this up, and we believe in a short time the children will learn to use their pens and be able to write."

**BEST NUMBER OF REGISTER**

Last Edition of the High School Paper Is Model and Is Much in Demand.

Without question the biggest and best annual number of the Register, the High school paper published by the students, was issued Monday. It contains articles and pictures of all the high school activities, besides photographs and personal notices about the graduates. The half tone cuts in the issue are particularly well done, and the whole undertaking has been ex-

ecuted with skill. Credit for the work is due the staff, which is made up as follows: Editor-in-chief, Lysie Roberts; Assistant editor, Alice Woodworth; Business manager, Harry Drucker; Assistant business manager, Philip McCullough.

Over 1,000 of the books are being issued, many extra ones being used for sending away as souvenirs. This year's number is especially good for the purpose, as its appearance, make-up, contents and illustrations are excellent. The main staff, with corps of associate editors, has been at work for months preparing the annual.

## FIFTEEN DAYS, WIFE BEATER

That is Term Given Gent Who Lords It Over His Better Half.

Two men were in police court Monday on the charge of abusing their wives. One drew a fifteen-day sentence from the ready pen of Judge Crawford, while the other was discharged.

Henry Banks, colored, who lives at 226 North Twenty-fifth street, received the jail sentence. His wife, who lives at 3211 Pinkney street, and has been residing separately from her spouse, appeared in court and testified that he observed the Sabbath by beating her Sunday morning, when he went out to her home to make a friendly call. Later in the day she had a hemorrhage and attending physicians said her condition was serious.

Lou Phillips, who gave no address when arrested, was the other man charged with wife abuse. He also had the additional offense of drunkenness tacked onto his police record. The judge discharged him, as no witnesses appeared to testify against the man.

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